

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING
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CUMBERLAND ROOM
425 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE, TN 37247-1010**

February 15, 2006

MINUTES

Call to Order	Cheryl Stegbauer, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.
Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum	The Chairman declared a quorum present.
Members Present	Cheryl Stegbauer, R.N., Chairman Donna Roddy, R.N., Vice Chairman Barbara Brennan, R.N. Terri Bowman, L.P.N. Debbie Holliday, L.P.N. Wanda Hooper, R.N. Kathleen Harkey, Public Member John Preston, A.P.N. Marian Stewart, R.N.
Staff Present	Elizabeth Lund, Executive Director Martha Barr, Assoc. Exec. Director Madeline Coleman, Nurse Consultant Joan Harper, Board Administrator Ernie Sykes, Assistant General Counsel Robbie Bell, Director, Health Related Boards
Introduction of Staff	C. Stegbauer introduced the staff present.
Recognition and Welcome to Visitors	C. Stegbauer recognized and welcomed guests.

Freed-Hardeman College

Speaking to the Program:
Linda Gibson, RN, MSN-Director
Dr. Milton Sewell--President
Dr. Sam Jones—Chief Financial Officer

B. Brennan moved and seconded by J. Preston to grant the request of Freed-Hardeman College for initial approval to begin an associate degree nursing program. The motion requires a progress report that contains information to support admission of students (faculty, facility) to be approved by staff prior to the June meeting of the board.

8-yes
Carried

Lincoln Memorial University

Speaking to the Program:
Dr. Mary Ann Modrcin—Dean
Dr. Nancy Moody—President
Dr. Phyllis DeMont—Faculty
Dr. Lisa Pullen—Faculty

D. Roddy moved and seconded by M. Stewart to grant the request of Lincoln Memorial University for a letter of intent and initial approval to begin a masters of science in nursing program.

8-yes
Carried

Walden University

Speaking to the Program:
Dr. Marion Anema—Faculty
Dr. John Sabotina—Executive Director,
Regulatory Affairs, Laureatte Education,
Inc.

W. Hooper moved and seconded by D. Roddy to deny the request of Walden University for a letter of intent and initial approval for an online master of science in nursing program.

8-yes
Carried

Cleveland State Community College

Speaking to the Program:

Amy McGranahan, MSN, RN—Interim Director

Dawn Steele, MSN, RN—Freshman Team Coordinator

D. Roddy moved and seconded by J. Preston to place the nursing program at Cleveland State Community College on conditional approval.

8-yes

Carried

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Speaking to the Program:

Dr. Kay Lindgren—Director

J. Preston moved and seconded by B. Brennan to not place the nursing program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on conditional approval.

7-yes

1-no

1-abstain

Carried

J. Preston moved and seconded by M. Stewart to grant continuing full approval status to the nursing program at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

8-yes

1-abstain

Carried

Milligan College

Speaking to the Program:

Melinda Collins, MSN, RN—Chairman

B. Brennan moved and seconded by D. Roddy to grant continued full approval to the nursing program at Milligan College.

8-yes

Carried

Cumberland University

Speaking to the Program:
Dr. Leanne Busby—Dean
Dr. Harvey Eaton—President
Dr. Pete Peterson—Dean, Academic Affairs
Ms. Christie Glover, MSN, RN—Associate
Dean, School of Nursing

D. Roddy moved and seconded by K. Harkey to place the nursing program at Cumberland University on conditional approval.

7-yes
1-abstain
1-no
Carried

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) Report

Mike Harkreader, Executive Director, presented a written and oral report covering July 1, 2005-January 20, 2006:

Number of Clients

RN=493

CRNA=17

NP=15

LPN=107

Clients Discharged

RN=99

LPN=46

Tennessee Center for Nursing (TCN)

Ann Duncan, Executive Director, presented an oral and written report. Ann Duncan introduced Lois Wagner, PhD, APN, Associate Director of Research. Report spoke to: statewide education planning, research, policy, recruitment and retention and strategic planning.

Open Forum

Mike Haffey, CRNA, APN, President, Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TANA). Spoke to conscious sedation—history of board of nursing action and current practice. Haffey expressed concern relative to public safety of non CRNA registered nurses administering general anesthetic agents for conscious sedation. He requested that the board write rules, suggesting the language found in the board's previous position statement.

Rules Report and Vote to Adopt Rules

Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator presented a rules report. D. Roddy moved and seconded by J. Preston to adopt rules relative to permits, reactivation requirements and determination of death. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

Advertising Remote Services

The board expressed no interest in pursuing rules that would require the supervision physician's name to be placed on any advertisement/sign.

Legislation

Bills received in Health Related Boards=34.
Bills related to sunset=15.

Betty Nixon, Vanderbilt University

Addressed conscious sedation issue from Vanderbilt University Medical Center's perspective.

Wilhelmina Davis, Tennessee Nurses Association Lobbyist

J. Preston moved and seconded by D.Roddy to oppose the TMA bill relative to reporting certain information to the board of medical examiners. The motion carried unanimously.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing/Delegates to Annual Meeting

J. Preston moved and seconded by M. Stewart to ratify the following:
Delegates: Donna Roddy, Elizabeth Lund
Alternates: Wanda Hooper, Martha Barr

The motion passed by consensus.

Application Review Committee

J. Preston moved and seconded by M. Stewart to appoint a board member/former board member/board consultant to serve on the Application Review Committee at the discretion of the executive director.

8-yes

Carried

Disciplinary Policies

K. Harkey moved and seconded by J. Preston to adopt the following disciplinary policies:

Reinstatement Procedure/Disciplinary Policies

March 1996 – Adopted

March 1998 – Affirmed

March 1999 – Reaffirmed

June 1999 – Reaffirmed

December 2001 – Reaffirmed

February 2006--Adopted

TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING

These position statements are clarifications of positions adopted by the board March 1994.

POSITION STATEMENTS ON DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

1. If a nurse's license has been revoked for a drug related offense(s), the board will require a minimum of two years documented sobriety prior to consideration of reinstatement of licensure.
2. If a nurse's license has been suspended for a drug related offense(s), the order will include a provision for consideration of probation provided the nurse is compliant with the suspension order.
3. In a disciplinary action, any nurse who is referred to TNPAP, and who, based on the findings of the board, would be a risk or possible risk to the public, should be placed

on suspension pending evaluation by TNPAP. The license should remain suspended until such time as the licensee provides proof to the Board that a contract has been signed. At that time, the suspension should be stayed and the license placed on probation to run concurrent with the TNPAP contract. A condition of probation shall include the compliance with any request from TNPAP and compliance with all terms of the TNPAP contract.

POSITION STATEMENTS ON GENERAL CRIMINAL OFFENSES

1. If a nurse's license has been revoked for a criminal offense(s), the board will require the nurse to provide evidence from the court that all sentences and probation requirements have been completed. This policy also applies to individuals seeking licensure by endorsement, examination and renewal.
2. If a nurse applies for either initial licensure, renewal of licensure, or reinstatement of licensure and has been convicted of a felony or second misdemeanor offense since last submitting an application, the board staff will deny such application and request the individual to appear before the Application Review Committee for licensure recommendation.

POSITION STATEMENTS ON LICENSURE REVOCATION

1. If a nurse's license has been revoked for other than a drug related offense(s), the board will

require a minimum of one year post revocation prior to consideration for reinstatement.

2. If a license has been revoked or suspended two or more times, the board may recommend in the order that the license not be reinstated.
3. When revoking licensure, the board may recommend in the order that a certain amount of time pass before it will reconsider reinstatement of licensure.
4. If a nurse applies for licensure by endorsement or renewal and has a license which is currently under revocation, suspension or probation in another state or jurisdiction for an offense which would be a violation under Tennessee law, the applicant will not be eligible for licensure or relicensure in Tennessee until such time as the action in the other state/jurisdiction is clear.
5. Agreed Orders and Consent Orders will contain language that provides for revocation of licensure upon non-compliance with the order.

8-Yes
Carried

Board Retreat	The board expressed interest in holding a retreat in conjunction with the Board of Medical Examiners no earlier than August 15, 2006. Members are requested to submit potential agenda items to Libby Lund.
Decision-Making Guidelines/Tree	W. Hooper moved and seconded by J. Preston to adopt Decision-Making Guidelines and Decision Tree as edited in time for publication in the newsletter. 8-yes Carried
School Approval Policy	Defer to September meeting.
ETSU Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Request	J. Preston moved and seconded by D. Roddy to interpret the practice act such that it is not within the scope of practice for a geriatric nurse practitioner acting as an advanced practice nurse to provide care for adults of all ages. 8-yes Carried
Horton Medical Center	W. Hooper moved and seconded by J. Preston to interpret the practice act such that it is not within the scope of the practice act for a registered nurse to: 1.artificially rupture amniotic membranes for the purpose of induction or augmentation of labor 2. adjust epidural anesthesia dosages 3. remove epidural anesthesia catheters 4. insert cytotec (misoprostol) intravaginally for the purpose of cervical ripening 8-yes Carried
Tennessee Center for Nursing Request to Amend Contract	K. Harkey moved and seconded by J. Preston to approve a 3% salary adjustment with availability to be evaluated each fall as to whether to distribute. 8-yes Carried
Education Committee	Martha Barr distributed NCSBN model rules for the Education committee to review.

Adjournment

6:00 p.m.

Cheryl Stegbauer, Ph.D., RN
Chairman

Date

Elizabeth J. Lund, MSN, RN
Executive Director

Date